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# Shape of the Future

The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life.



The times change and we change with them.

I know no way of judging of the future but by the past.



Time present and time future are both perhaps present in time past.

The future is something an hour, whatever he does, who ever he is,

The future is important to everyone, and with this yearbook we hope to remember the past, to be able to better the shape of the future.

You can never plan the future by the past. (?)

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# Administration Shapes



Dr. Hugh Kariger, Principal of Portage Junior High School, heads the administrative staff.

Just sitting in the classroom, the average student probably doesn't realize that without the administration, Portage wouldn't be able to function.

Dr. Kariger, who has been principal here since the school opened twelve years ago, has shaped Portage by helping students and providing effective guidance in school policies.

Mr. Middleton, once a teacher here, later returned to become assistant principal and help shape the future of Portage.

Besides these two men, there are also many other people who help to make Portage the fine place we feel it to be. The secretaries, the nurse, the counselors, and other office people all contribute their share to guaranteeing that the future of Portage Junior High School is a bright one.



Mr. Floyd Middleton, assistant principal, provides administrative leadership.

# Life at Portage



Mr. Bell watches over the cafeteria during the four lunch periods.



Mrs. Simmons performs secretarial duties in the office.



Mrs. Scott, office secretary, also keeps the complicated financial records.



Helping students with personal problems and class schedules keeps Mrs. Pugsley busy.



Besides aiding in counseling, Mr. Cira also helps students with schedules and class changes.



Helping students with speech difficulties is how speech therapist Miss Grant spends her days.



Mrs. Collins keeps records of attendance and does other office work



CUSTODIANS (left to right) — A. Boese, C. Haas, K. Kroeber, C. Ramer, H. Linnemeyer.



COOKS (left to right) — Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Swihart, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Gaham, Mrs. Snyder (cafeteria manager).

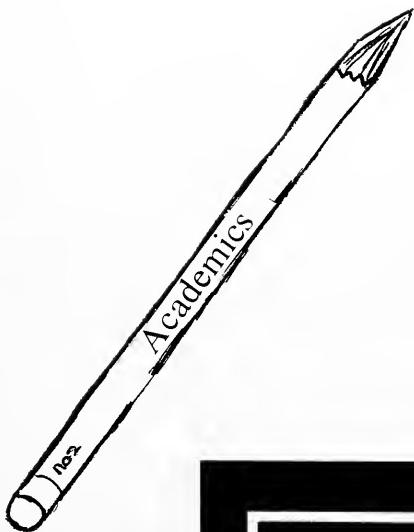
## Cooks, Custodians, and Volunteers Help School Run Smoothly

Large group of cafeteria workers are needed to help serve daily lunches quickly and efficiently.



The cooks and custodians provided a valuable service to the Rams this year. The custodians worked hard each day to maintain our school. The cooks slaved over hot stoves daily to feed hungry Rams. The cafeteria workers gave up part of their lunch period to help the cooks. Without these people, the school couldn't have run smoothly.

Shape of:





Dwight Alvis  
Drafting  
Electricity



Max Amstutz  
Biology  
Phys. Ed.



Jerry Anderson  
Special Ed.



Jack Berg  
Social Studies



Dorothy Bishop  
Phys. Ed.



Elizabeth Boggess  
Language Arts



Virginia Bowers  
Home Ec.



James Brown  
Science



Marilyn Buchanan  
Instr. Music



Ruth DeHaven  
Art



Robert Denny  
Mathematics



David Desper  
Mathematics



David Didier  
English  
Latin



John Edwards  
Social Studies



Karen Egley  
Mathematics  
Health



Don Gebhard  
Typing



Anita Heins  
Language Arts



Jane Hoyleman  
English  
Publications



Sherry Johnson  
Mathematics  
Phys. Ed.



Pat LaFontaine  
English  
French

# Teachers Prepare Students for Future



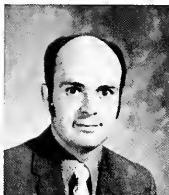
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Mathematics  
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Vocal Music



Charles Murry  
Science



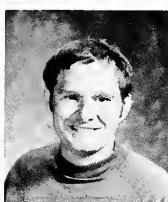
Don Parlette  
Instr. Music



Tom Pearson  
Science  
Health



Don Reynolds  
English



Don Schaffer  
Phys. Ed.  
Health



John Septer  
Language Arts



Richard Shepherd  
Social Studies  
General Business



Sue Simler  
Mathematics



Barbara Stahl  
Science



Norma Sterling  
History



Dan Tannas  
English



Isabel Warfel  
English  
Spanish



Vern Werking  
Science  
Audio/Visual



Alton White  
Shop



Jeanette Wilson  
Home Ec.

Rams in varsity orchestra practiced hard to improve their musical skills. The orchestra performed for many programs during the year, but the favorites were usually the Christmas program and the Spring Concert. The orchestra also participated in the NISBOVA contest and did a good job.



The camera finds band members off guard.



What beat are you directing now, Mr. Parlette?

## Instrumentalists Keep of





Mr. Parlette explains advanced orchestra technique.

## Up With Changing Forms Music



Ram band members go into action at a basketball game.

Mr. Parlette conducted the band with successful results this year. Throughout the year, the band performed at the Christmas program, Winter Concert, and the Spring Concert. Many members of the group participated in NIS-BOVA contests, either in ensembles or as soloists, and came up with good ratings.

# Musicians Shape Skills



Varsity Choir shapes up vocal activities. Officers for the year were S. Underwood, K. Zakhki, D. Stinson, S. Elkins, B. Goldsby, and S. Hinton.



Musical Rams participate in State Band.

The choirs and Stageband had a successful year. The choir members participated in Nisbova and came up with good ratings. The Stageband performed in its own Nisbova contest and received a second rating. Each group performed for school events, such as the Christmas concert, Spring concert and others. All the Rams in these groups worked on improving their basic and advanced skills in music. Each group had favorite sections that they liked to perform.

Cadet Choir members pose with Mrs. Meese. Officers in chairs, left to right, are M. Miller, R. Wagnor, A. Belcher, D. Pelz, B. Miles, R. Chavez, G. Bonifas, L. Collier, C. Moore, D. Lindeman.



# Rams Look into the Past and Future With History and Math



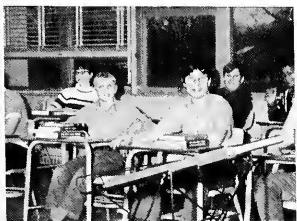
Freshmen Rams look on as Mr. Denny explains how to solve an equation.



Mr. Berg and class discuss opinions on U.S. history.



Mr. Denny chats with seventh grader Frank Hackett during math study period.



The camera catches seventh grade Rams while they think about geography in Mr. Edwards' class.



Baby Rams work hard on their assignments while Miss Lindley looks on.



These seventh grade geography students are busy...posing for the photographer.

Seventh and eighth graders have learned many facts about geography and history, as well as advancing their knowledge in mathematics. Their teachers led them in group discussions and the students had fun working on special projects.

Ninth graders worked on improving their algebra skills this year. They worked mostly on solving equations and organizing story problems.

All in all, the shape of the future became a little clearer as social studies and mathematical skills were examined.

# Shop and Home Ec Improve Skills



Eighth graders learn the techniques of making their own clothes.



Taping the sides of cardboard houses proves strenuous work for these ninth grade girls.



Melita Krieger shows proper steps in laying out a skirt pattern.



Home ec girls make gingerbread houses for the Christmas Holidays.



These gingerbread houses are done just in time for the holidays.

Home ec classes tried their hands at making their own clothes. Eighth graders were required to make a skirt, while ninth graders were able to make a T-shirt and a dress. While cooking, the girls prepared different meals and snacks.

Shop students spent the year working on projects. They were able to make objects that would be useful in the home, such as book racks, memo pads, lamp bases, etc.

Students finish their projects during shop class.



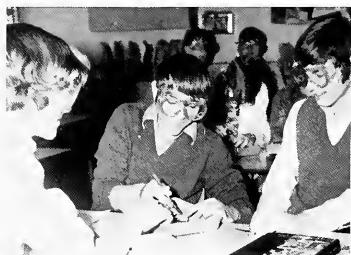
Eighth graders not only learn to work with wood and metal, but also basic electricity.

Eighth graders work on perfect dimensions in drafting class.



Ted Jenkins and Terry Weaver start working on projects at the foundry.

# Phys Ed. Sciences Prepare for Future



Dissection of the frog is great fun for Steve LeMaster, Dave Rinehart, and Dave Silletto.



Insect catching fills many happy (?) hours which lead to this result.



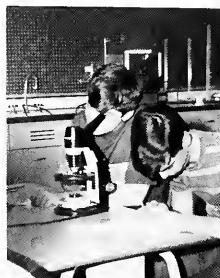
Sandy Smith observes protozoans in Biology class.



Students listen carefully as Mr. Amstutz talks about frog dissection.



Mike Clark examines the internal structures of the clam.



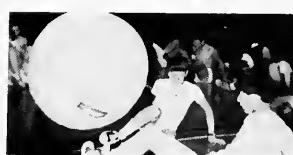
John Seabold and Mark Spears eye moving ameba and paramecium.



A jump ball leads to exciting moments in this gym class game.



This eighth grader shows perfect form for doing a handstand in gym class.



Working with the medicine ball is not only fun, but is also good exercise.

# Rams Show Interest in Language Classes

Mr. Didier looks on as Latin students Linda Markey tries to translate the paragraph.



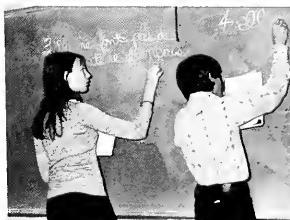
English classes in all grades and language classes in the 9th grade were kept busy reading novels and studying plays. They increased their knowledge of different countries, authors, and poets by making notebooks and writing reports. The 7th and 8th grade students enjoyed the spelling bee competition, while all the grades had the opportunity to compete in the Lions Club speech contest held in April.



Bulletin boards done by ninth graders help decorate halls and classrooms.



Seventh grade English student puts everything he has into play.



Ils parlent Francais.  
(They speak French.)



Freshmen take a break after working strenuously on their literature.

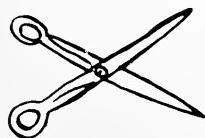
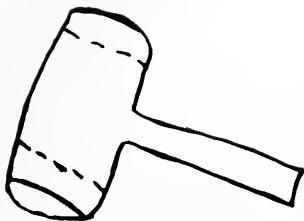


Mike Mills gives undivided attention to Mrs. Warefel in seventh grade English.

Seventh grader Dave Kessel tries to scare photographer away as he snaps this classroom photograph.



# SHAPE OF: ACTIVITIES



# Students Join in Service



STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES - left to right (seated), Mrs. Pugsley secretary C. Stanley, president E. Peters, vice president G. Hershberger, Mr. Cira; (standing) 1st row, B. Litchin, D. Evans, T. Huntley, B. Russell, B. Harman, L. Novitsky, R. Fahsing, T. Cross, T. Parrish; 2nd row, C. Harriss, L. Kelley, M. Johnson, P. Prader, V. Hamburger, S. Morgan, P. Ress, M. Gaskins, P. Gutman, M. Arnold, D. Paris, D. Peters, C. Jenkins.

These Rams were this year's organization for serving the school and fellow classmates. They were all chosen by votes from the respective students in their homerooms. The Student Council President, Vice President, Mr. Cira, and Mrs. Pugsley led in decisions for the school, along with the cooperation of the Representatives and Alternates. This year's Student Council gift was our school mascot painted in the center of the gym floor.



STUDENT COUNCIL ALTERNATES - left to right (seated), Mrs. Pugsley, C. Stanley, E. Peters, G. Hershberger, Mr. Cira; (standing) 1st ROW, M. Hunt, R. Chavez, B. Miles, C. Baker, T. Hoffman, K. Heiney, 2nd ROW, P. Duffy, I. Frankenstein, C. Stackhouse, L. Newhart, C. Chase, P. Schrader, C. Todoran, T. Chase; 3rd ROW, B. Barber, M. Hunter, A. Gensic, M. Magers, V. Hamburger, W. Keim, C. Mills; 4th ROW, B. Windom, E. Starks, R. Martin, J. Sills.

# to School



Mrs. Carol Patten smiles over the shoulders of Portage office workers, left to right, T. Anderson, D. Essex, D. Williams, B. Windom, P. Worman, C. Hough. Not pictured are B. Carrion, E. Hayes, and W. Cole.



Members of the library club provide invaluable assistance to Mrs. Radatz and Mrs. Ditwiler in making the Portage library run smoothly and efficiently.



The Banking Club conducts business weekly, with volunteer workers C. Black (standing left) and V. Holman (center). Not pictured is D. Moore.

# Clubs Take Shape

ART CLUB — (seated) B. Both, M. Moore, D. Kory, P. Hyde; (standing) K. Young, A. Pape, S. Hackett, R. Kellaris, Mrs. DeHaven; 3rd row, M. Kelly, M. Oswalt, K. Cornelius, D. Klosterman; top, G. Gouty, M. O'Keefe, M. Magers.



Many creative minds existed at Portage, plotting the shape of the future. They helped, worked, learned, and had a good time in general.

The Art Club met during period 5b in Room 254. Mrs. DeHaven supervised creative activity during the year, as the students worked with burlap, acrylics, felt, and other materials.

Mr. Werking kept his crew busy as the Audio-Visual Club performed the duties of running projectors, setting up lights, and operating public address systems for various programs. Room 101 housed this year's Typing Club, a group which met to learn basic fingering and typing techniques with Mr. Gebhard as their adviser.

AUDIO-VISUAL CLUB — gathered around their advisor, Mr. Vern Werking, are members of A/V Club which met weekly for instruction.



TYPING CLUB — with Mr. Gebhard (front left in picture) are seventh and eighth graders who met weekly to learn typing fundamentals in preparation for future class work.

# to Form New Skills



Members of the two combined knitting clubs pose with Mrs. Bowers (left), who was assisted by Mrs. Simler (right). Not shown is Miss Lindley, who also sponsored a club.



CHEF'S CLUB — (seated) G. Baker, G. Huber, M. Spears, D. Alvarez, T. Jenkins; (standing) B. Cross, T. Weaver, B. Buschey, D. Paris, G. Hershberger, E. Peters, R. Rifkin, S. Sanders, K. Darby, M. Duray, Mrs. Wilson.



Chefs T. Weaver, K. Darby, and B. Buschey ponder the results of their cookie-making venture.



junior cooking club — (clockwise from lower left) L. Suter, P. Langston, Mrs. Wilson, R. Dixie, C. Miller, L. Lambert.

Members of the Knitting Club (top picture) were kept busy as they knitted many items of practical use. The club had two sections, beginners and advanced. The newcomers were led by Mrs. Bowers, and the old pros by Miss Lindley (not pictured) and Mrs. Simler.

Mrs Wilson had her hands full as she headed the chefs Club and the Junior Cooking/Club, both of whom learned fundamentals of cooking and tried their luck on a few delicious experiments with new recipes.

# Singers and Instrumentalists Bring



Eighth grade vocalists combine their voices to perform at concerts and talent shows.



Ensembles composed of seventh and ninth graders lend their voices to harmony and blending.

Soloists provide extra entertainment at school functions.



# Back Many Firsts From NISBOVA



String ensembles perfect their techniques for NISBOVA competition.

The Portage music department was very well represented at NISBOVA this year. New vocalists added extra harmony when the Portage singers brought back 13 firsts, 10 seconds, and only two thirds.

The instrumental portion did just as well in their NISBOVA competition. Altogether there were 18 firsts, 11 seconds, and three thirds. This was one of the best years in Portage history for the annual entry into Northeastern Indiana School Band, Orchestra and Vocal Association competition.



Instrumental ensembles take time from the band and orchestra to prepare music for a performance.



Ben Both, Joe Langmeyer, and Gary Baker perform the number they entered in NISBOVA.



Instrumental soloists work hard to improve their techniques for concerts and talent shows.

# Rams Benefit from Chess,



Mr. Brown's CHESS CLUB met regularly on Wednesdays during 5B homeroom.

Chess proved to be such a popular pastime at Portage this year that three clubs were formed. They were geared for beginners, learning the basic moves and strategy under the direction of Mr. Septer, and advanced players, directed by Mr. Brown and Mr. Anderson. These interested students had weekly competitions.



Mr. Anderson directed the CHESS CLUB which met on Wednesdays during 4B homeroom.

Mr. Septer headed up the seventh and eighth grade CHESS CLUB which convened on Wednesdays during 5A homeroom.



# Language and Reading Skills

Rams had different tastes in their choices of clubs, as was observed by the foreign language groups — French, Spanish, and German — as well as a displayed interest in improving reading skills. These Portage students joined weekly with their various instructors for advancement in their elective fields.



Miss LaFontaine's FRENCH CLUB met each Monday.



Mrs. Heins taught reading skills to her READING CLUB during weekly meetings.



GERMAN CLUB was directed by Mrs. Boggess in learning German customs, language and song.

The SPANISH CLUB, sponsored by Mrs. Warfel, enjoyed films, records, and pictures during its study of the Spanish culture.



# Publications Changes With Future

Changes added a new perspective to the shape of life at Portage, and the PORTARAMA staff also changed with the redistricting. The staff found it challenging to produce a memorable yearbook for new, as well as former, students.

The PACKET staff changed many old standards for newer features and presented Portage with eight well-rounded issues of a paper that covered all phases of school life.



YEARBOOK STAFF (left to right) — FRONT, chief photographer S. Morgan, co-editor N. Rancy, co-editor H. Miller, copy editor L. Markey, business manager R. Rifkin; BACK, J. Seabold, G. Huber, S. Sanders, B. Cross, advisor Mrs. Hoylman, G. Hershberger, E. Peters. Not pictured — layout editor M. Oswalt.

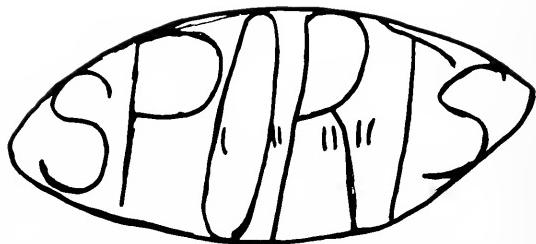


NEWSPAPER STAFF (left to right) — FRONT, S. Morgan, chief photographer, S. Sanders, sports editor; E. Peters, editor-in-chief; J. Seabold, feature editor; P. Prader, news editor; BACK, C. Hough, W. Keim, A. Gensic, B. Both, B. Cross, G. Huber, M. Arnold, Mrs. Hoylman, R. Rifkin, G. Hershberger, M. Zacher, M. Starks, S. Parker, M. Kelly.

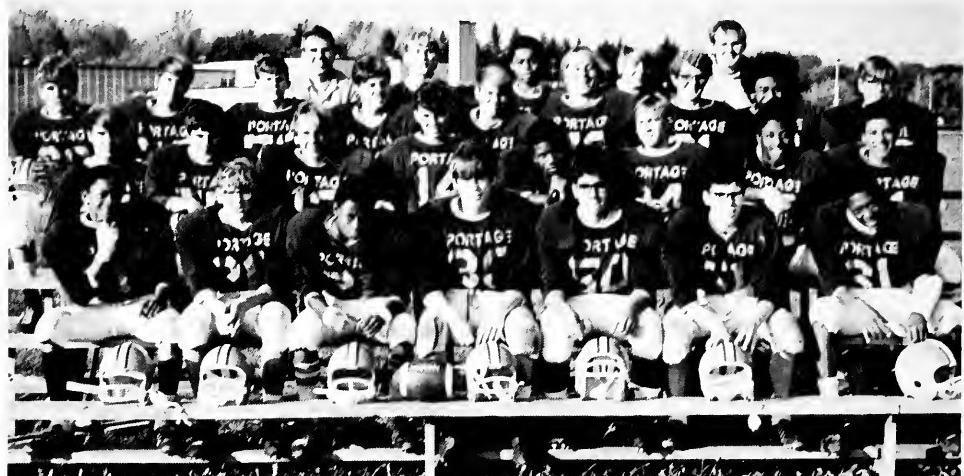
JOURNALISM CLUB (left to right) — FRONT, P. Norton, T. Chase, N. Beadie, J. Grose; 2ND, J. Mabe, J. Dowling, C. Bolinger, C. Fishman, C. Chase, B. Templeton, Mrs. Hoylman; 3rd, L. Novitsky, T. French, T. Cross, K. Stephenson; 4TH, S. Wolever, B. Harman, B. Litchin, C. Kratzert, L. Newhart, K. Marciniak, A. Watters; BACK, D. Whipp, K. Auer, M. Tyler, D. Hermes, K. Litchin, P. Gutman, M. Gaskins, S. Stewart.



Shape of:



# Schaffer's Smashers Tie Northwood for City



NINTH GRADE — BOTTOM (left to right), T. Belcher, J. Chase, D. Jackson, G. Huber, D. Cutigni, G. Hoover, D. Mudd; SECOND, J. Mabee, B. Hoy, G. Hershberger, M. Spears, C. Underwood, J. Klimofski, D. Williams, B. Windom; THIRD M. Felger, T. Tracy, J. Langmeyer; V. Torrez, D. Rinehart, E. Peters, J. Allen, W. Cole, D. Georgi; BACK, Coach Bo Denny, D. Paris, managers T. Jenkins and J. Theye, Coach D. Schaffer.

This year the Portage varsity football squad made school history three times in a most successful season.

First of all, this year's Rams outscored every team in Portage's past for one game. This happened the last game of the season when the mighty varsity smashed the Franklin Chiefs 56-0.

The second famous first occurred when the Raging Rams won their fourth game straight. No other Portage team had won more than three games in a row. The varsity squad rolled on to two more victories to end the season with a perfect 6-0 record.

The last feat of the season was a slight disappointment to the members of the team. The Northwood Cardinals had a perfect season also. The majority of FWCS junior highs voted not to have a championship playoff so the varsity Rams ended the season with the title of City Co-champions.



Don Williams makes a Portage touchdown which will lead to victory.



Co-Captains Bobby Windom and Ed Peters



Most Valuable Offense-Curtis Underwood

Most Valuable Defense-Ed Peters



Fans gather at a home game to edge Rams on to victory.

## SCOREBOARD — 9th

RAMS	OPPONENT
9/30 — 20	Jefferson 0
10/7 — 28	Geyer 0
10/14 — 16	Fairfield 8
10/21 — 48	Miami 0
10/28 — 14	Lane 6
11/3 — 54	Franklin 0

# Champs; 7th Wins 3 and Loses 1

## 8th SCOREBOARD



EIGHTH GRADE — BOTTOM (left to right), B. Edwards (mgr), P. Harvey, G. Murphy, G. Ryder, S. Cook, M. Johnson, D. Landrigan, P. Freeman, Coach N. McKeeman; SECOND, S. Leeper, K. Gaskill, P. Frebel, D. Chrzan, P. Gutman, T. Chase, M. Finken, A. Norton; THIRD, G. Parrish, A. Green, K. Litchin, M. Hershberger, D. Richey, D. Kusak, G. Stevens, G. Allen; BACK, J. Sills, B. Miller, R. Georgi, G. Shepherd, R. Coe, K. Fadus, R. Watters.

The eighth grade football team had a disappointing season this year due to many injuries. The team coached by Neal McKeeman lost four and tied one.

The seventh grade, however, had a great season, scoring a total of 60 points and holding their opponents to 10 points including two shutouts. The Portage offense was only held scoreless once, in the last game with Miami, played in ankle-deep mud. The team finished the season with a record of three wins and one loss.



It isn't just luck, but hard work that leads to a city championship.

## 7th SCOREBOARD

RAMS	OPPONENT
10/1 — 28	Franklin 0
10/8 — 26	Keriionga 0
10/15 — 6	Fairfield 2
10/22 — 0	Miami 8

RAMS	OPPONENT
9/29 — 12	Jefferson 22
10/6 — 0	Geyer 18
10/13 — 8	Fairfield 8
10/20 — 14	Franklin 50
10/27 — 14	Lane 42



Terry Smith  
Honorary  
Captain



Anthony Green  
Most Valuable  
Player



Greg Shepherd  
Most Valuable  
Lineman

SEVENTH GRADE — FRONT (left to right), R. Culpepper, D. Kessel, D. Pelz, S. Vaughn, R. Bloemker, A. Wilson, K. Coker, T. Horne, D. Raney, D. Culpepper, B. Miles; MIDDLE, T. Haines, T. Ornas T. Osborne, J. Green, T. Cross, E. Starks, M. Curry, B. Boussom, J. Cady, D. Lindeman, J. Grose; BACK, M. Rush, J. Gensic, S. Sims, D. Miller, T. Beck, D. Peters, B. Russell, C. Strawbridge, M. Yeiter, B. Curts, V. Veale, K. Stevenson (Mgr), Coach D. Reynolds.





NINTH GRADE — FRONT (left to right) J. Theye (manager), M. Landrigan, G. Hershberger, B. Windom, C. Underwood, B. Wattley, K. Stevenson (manager); BACK, W. Cole, E. Peters, D. Georgi, M. Arnold, D. Baker, D. Williams, Coach N. McKeeman.

This year's varsity Rams had a very good season, winning eight and losing only four in regular season play. High scorers for the varsity were Don Williams and Willie Cole.

Eighth graders had a disappointing season with an uninspired record of one win and seven losses. The outstanding team for Portage this year was the seventh grade. This year's Baby Rams galloped to a city championship with a 6 and 0 record. They won all their games easily, and gave Portage's shape of the future a promising form indeed.



## Basketball



**RAMS**  
 11/22 — 41  
 12/2 — 47  
 12/9 — 56  
 12/14 — 64  
 12/16 — 47  
 12/21 — 46  
 1/6 — 55  
 1/13 — 55  
 1/20 — 50  
 1/27 — 38  
 2/1 — 38  
 2/3 — 48  
 2/8 — 46

**OPPONENTS**  
 Jefferson 35  
 Lane 44  
 Northwood 43  
 C. Catholic 42  
 Snider 44  
 Fairfield 37  
 Geyer 57  
 Lakeside 53  
 Miami 31  
 B. Luers 37  
 Kekionga 58  
 Franklin 44  
 Kekionga 58  
 (tournament)





EIGHTH GRADE — FRONT (left to right) P. Gutman, M. Johnson, T. Underwood, J. Williams, D. Chamberlain, A. Green; BACK, Coach D. Desper, M. Hershberger, D. Kusak, K. Litchin, C. Roth, R. Georgi, D. Chrzan, T. Smith K. Gaskil, J. Merz and J. Sills (managers).



## Future Hopeful



### SCOREBOARD — 8th

RAMS	OPPONENTS
11/23 — 30	Jefferson 55
12/2 — 38	Lane 45
12/9 — 29	Northwood 31
12/16 — 51	Shawnee 34
12/21 — 49	Fairfield 51
1/6 — 45	Geyer 48
1/18 — 29	Lakeside 38
1/20 — 45	Miami 53

### SCOREBOARD — 7th

12/10 — 43	Geyer 38
12/17 — 54	Northwood 25
1/7 — 49	Franklin 28
1/14 — 48	Miami 36
1/21 — 65	Fairfield 31
1/24 — 59	Lane 28



SEVENTH GRADE — FRONT (left to right) B. Boussum, A. Belcher, B. Russell, H. Sims, C. Strawbridge, K. Coker; BACK, K. Stephenson (manager), Coach D. Desper, R. Culpepper, J. Stengel, T. Beck, E. Starks, R. Weber, D. Peters, T. Haines, D. Pelz, D. Culpepper, Coach N. McKeeman.

# Rams Active in Spring Sports



## SCOREBOARD

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

RAMS	OPPONENT	
27	Fairfield	15
29	Kekionga	9
19	Franklin	14
27	Lakeside	36
16	Lane	27



The ninth grade girls basketball team enjoyed interschool competition. Members were chosen from intramurals groups, and played five games. They ended their season with a 3-2 record.

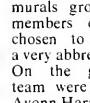
Mrs. Bishop coached the team, which was managed by Leslie Raymer. On the team were Sally Hinton, Marty Kelly, Kathy Mays, Debbie Klosterman, Annette Bostic, Nancy Raney, Alice Fuller, Maureen Magers, Sarah Underwood, and Cindy Krouse.

Both ninth grade girls and boys enjoyed playing volleyball. Each intramurals group had teams, from which members of the school teams were chosen to play other schools during a very abbreviated season.

On the girls' volleyball extramural team were Sally Hinton, Marty Kelly, Avonn Harris, Kathy Mays, Nancy Raney, Sandy Elkins, Annette Bostic, Val Humbarger, Vic Humbarger, Debbie Stinson, Bonnie Carrion, and Debbie Klosterman.

On the boys' ninth grade team were Derek Paris, Reggie Hill, Darryl Jackson, Don Baker, Mark Spears, Willie Cole, Gary Baker, and Greg Hershberger. The team placed second on the city, losing to Lakeside in the final game.

Eighth grade volleyball team members were Mark Hershberger, Terry Smith, Phil Gutman, Denny Kirkland, Dan Landrigan, Mike Johnson, Dave Chamberlain, Dave Chrzan, and Kent Litchin.



# Cross Country and Wrestling Shape of athletics

Portage's ninth grade cross country team finished the season with 5 second places, one first, and a fifth place in the city meet. Two runners, M. Arnold and G. Baker, finished in the top ten.

The seventh and eighth grade ended the season with one first, one second, two thirds, and a third place finish in the city, with G. Gross the only eighth grader in the top ten.

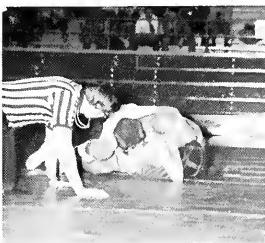
Portage's varsity wrestlers finished the season with five wins, three losses, and one tie. Our wrestlers had a good showing in the state meet with Walter Brown a new city champ in the 145 pound weight class. Gary Baker and Reggie Hill took second, Dave Cutigni third, and Greg Hoover fourth.



9TH CROSS COUNTRY — FRONT, G. Baker, C. Simerman, B. Wattley; BACK, Coach D. Desper, J. Cline, M. Arnold, M. Clark, D. Baker, M. Landigan.



7TH AND 8TH CROSS COUNTRY — KNEELING, T. Springer, D. Kirkland, Coach D. Desper, P. Huffman, M. Fink, L. Williams; FRONT, D. Chamberlain, K. Jellison; BACK, G. Grose, T. Underwood, C. Roth, L. Raber, K. Kelley.



Walter Brown makes a pin to take city in his weight class.



Gary Baker clasps a victory on his way to placing second in the city.

WRESTLING TEAM - FRONT, T. Smith, G. Baker, R. Hill, J. Hayden, J. Chase, C. Simerman, D. Cutigni, Coach D. Schaffer; MIDDLE, G. Huber, G. Hoover, B. Sanders, D. Rinehart, M. Felger, M. Duray, B. Cross; BACK, W. Brown, S. Sanders, M. Spears, G. Allen, T. Jenkins, V. Torrez, J. Langmeyer.

# Rams in Intramurals Shape



9th Grade Boys

A large percentage of Portage students participated in intramurals during the school year, getting in shape for the future. This activity was provided for boys and girls in all grades, interested in athletic fun and skills.



8th Grade Boys

The ninth grade met on Tuesday and Thursday during 5B homeroom. The boys were sponsored by Mr. McKeeman and Mr. Denny, and the girls by Mrs. Bishop. Eighth graders met on Monday and Tuesday, with Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Johnson advising the girls and the boys being guided by Mr. Amstutz and Mr. White.



9th Grade Girls

# Physical Abilities

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The seventh grade boys, headed by Mr. Desper and Mr. Schaffer, held their intramurals on Monday and Wednesday during 4A homeroom, as did the girls who were led by Mrs. Egle.

Activities for the boys included round robin tournaments in flag football, basketball, volleyball, and softball. The girls participated in softball during the fall and spring meetings, and also played basketball, ran track, and performed gymnastics. Girls' intramural teams had volleyball tournaments during the winter.



# Cheerleaders Promote School Spirit

The rearrangement of the school boundaries provided Portage with unexpected benefits as it brought new talents to the Portage cheering squad.

Three new members of the varsity cheerleaders added extra pep during the pep sessions and at the varsity games. As a change this year, they helped promote spirit at the wrestling matches as well as the football and basketball games.

New eighth grade cheerleaders and an all-new seventh grade cheerleading squad has followed the example of the varsity squad by adding new spark at the games.



9TH FRONT, C. Poitras, M. Starks, S. Hackett; BACK, A. Bostic, K. Holley.



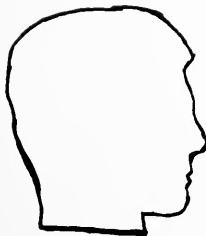
8TH: FRONT, B. Harman, M. Hunter, P. Crooms; BACK, C. Williams, K. Yarman, B. Barber.



7TH: FRONT, C. Fishman, K. Heiney, C. Moore, C. Chase; BACK, K. Auer, F. Lewis, B. Litchin.



# Shape of: Students



# Freshman Prepare for Future



Anita Abernathy



Jeff Allen



Steve Alles



Domingo Alvarez



Trina Anderson



Mike Arnold



Flora Attkisson



Dan Avery



Kevin Bailey



Don Baker



Gary Baker



Sandy Barclay



Delois Bates



Cindy Baumgartner



Terry Beard



Amy Beatty



Tony Belcher



Mark Benson



Mike Birch



Mike Birt



Janet Bollenbacher



Kathy Bollman



John Bornschein



Annette Bostic



Ben Both



Vicki Boyles



Cindy Bradtmiller



Hannah Brooks



John Brown



Terry Brutton



Debbie Bryan



Mike Bryan



Janet Buell



Donna Bunch



David Bunker



Ronda Bunn



Sandy Burley



Brent Buschey



Cindy Campbell



Steve Campbell



Bonnie Carrion



Jed Chase



Randy Chilcote



James Clark



Mike Clark



It may be insect collecting to their teachers, but it's still a "bug" to these ninth graders.



Kathy Clarke



Lucy Clemens



Lynne Clemens



John Cline



Willie Cole



Glenda Combs



Kittie Cornelius



Trudy Craig



Glen Crawford



Bob Cross



Rita Cuellar



David Cutigni



Kevin Darby



Paul Diehm



Robert Doherty



Jerome Dowdell



John Dudley



Mark Duffy



Phillip Duffy



Christine DuMato



Mike Duray



Betty Edsall



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Karen Fahlsing



Mark Felger



Susie Fey



Eileen Filbin



Karen Filley



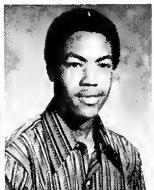
Rhonda Fink



Ilene  
Frankenstein



Beverly Free



Tim Freeman



Alice Fuller



Brian Fuller



Tom Gaham



Adela Galvan



Eric Gebhard

Nancy Raney advocates a female point of view in her campaign for student council presidency.



Angela Gensic



Don Georgi



Brenda Ginder



Brenda Goldsby



Manuel Gomez



Larry Gonzalez



Eric Gordon



Gloria Gouty



Jeff Green

Bev Free expresses delight at the sight of the weird-looking creatures that Cindy Baumgartner is observing under the microscope.



Roger Green



Greg Gronau



Ben Grose



Glenn Gross



Sue Hackett



Avonn Harris



Michelle Harris



Carla Harriss



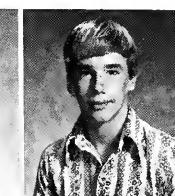
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Jeff Hayden



Earthleen Hayes



Greg Hershberger



Reginald Hill



Sally Hinton



Kris Holley



Kim Holman



Sara  
Noopingarner



Greg Hoover



Rita Horne



Cindy Hough



Janet Howe



Ernest Hoy



George Huber



Val Hamburger



Vicki Hamburger



Pam Hyde



Chris Ioannou



Darryl Jackson



Tina Jackson



Kim Jellison



Judy Jenkins



Ted Jenkins



Cheryl Jennings



Wendy Keim



Rachele Kellaris



Linda Kellems



Linda Kelley



Marty Kelly



Sherry Kennedy



Randy Kirkland



Maria Kish



Jim Klimkofski



Debbie Klosterman



Jay Koontz



Cynthia Krouse

Varsity cheerleaders practice yells in the corridor. Kris Holley and Sue Hackett stand with Marcia Starks kneeling. Annette Bostic behind her, and Cecilia Poitras hidden by a pom-pom.



Kathy Kumfer



Maureen Kunkel



Karl Lahmeyer



Steve Morgan solicits prospective voters in the Student Council campaign.



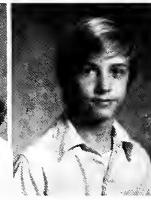
Mike Landrigan



Joe Langmeyer



Karen Lawson



Mike Lay



Debbie LeCoque



Steve LeMaster



Mike Lewis



Todd Linker



Lowell Loomis



Melanie Lorman



Jim Mabee



Pam Mabee



Bob Magdich



Maureen Magers



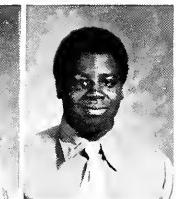
Dan Magner



Doug Magner



Linda Markey



Jim Martin



Joanna Massaria



Kathy Mays



Robert Menefee



Mary Mettert



Holly Miller



Kathryn Miller



Kathy Miller

Linda Miller

Beth Mills

Charles Mitchell

Michelle Moore

Jean Moran



Steve Morgan



Dennis Mudd



Kevin Mudd



The basketball mascot in office trophy case provides a school spirit reminder for Rams



Debbie Munson

Jan Munson

Lorrie Myers

Debbie Myhre

Marlene Nagel

Bill Neumann



Dorothea North

Marga O'Keefe

Mary Oswalt

Derek Paris

Susan Parker

Audie Pepe



Olivia Perez

Toni Perry

Ed Peters

Don Pinnick

Cecilia Poitras

Patty Prader



Nancy Raney



Leslie Raymer



Mary Read



Penny Ress



June Richard



Marlene Richardson



Martin Ridgley



Rick Rifkin



Dave Rinehart



Penny Ress and Val Humbarger take time out from campaign to pose for birdie.



Robert Ritchie



Rick Rivera



Ethel Robinson



Becky Rogers



Pam Ryan



Mike Ryder



Bob Sanders



Scott Sanders



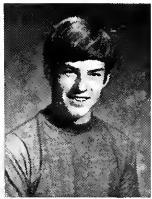
Don Shroyer



John Sebold



Jeannette Shuler



David Silletto



Clyde Simerman



Dave Smith



Doug Smith



Eddie Smith



Lionel Smith



Mike Smith



Randy Smith

Roger Smith

Tim Smith

Ed Peters and Gred Hershberger relax after winning the student council election.



Effie Snyder

Mark Spears

Becky Sprague

Patty Stanley

Marcia Starks

Ann Stefanski



Teddie Stefanski

Dave Stiles

Debbie Stinson

Joan Surface

Michelle Swick

Jim Theye



Vernon Torres

David Townsend

Roy Townsend

Janie Tubbs

Terry Tracy

Sarah Underwood



Curtis Underwood

John Vasquez

Juanita Vasquez

Liz Walker

Jack Ward

Allen Washington



Jeness Washington



Robert Wattley



Terry Weaver



Kathleen Weber



Vicki Wheeler



Jerry Whitlow



Terry Whitlow



Debbie Wiggins



Denise Williams



Donald Williams



Carol Wilson



Laura Wilson



Robert Wilson



Bob Windom



Deanna Wirick



Jerome Woods



Jack Woodruff



Rex Woodruff



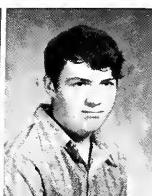
Carolyn Woods



Paula Worman



Dan Wright



James Wright



Kevin Wright



Jackie York



Kevin Young



Lydia Zabolotney



Marie Zacher



Home ec girls put together flower display for American Education Week.



Karen Zakhki



Mike Baker



Walter Brown



Doug Chandler



Jackie Fowlkes



Beronica James



Martin Hoppel



Rod McDonald



Kanda Miller



Rhonda Williams



Ninth grade students learn the basic techniques of typing.

Mr. Denny gives his undivided attention to Val Humbarger's problem as fellow students look on.



# Eighth Grade Experiences

## Change in Daily Routine



Kevin Adams  
Maria Aguirre  
Greg Allen  
Dawn Alles  
Jerry Amsden  
Frank Anderson

Gillis Arend  
Eddie Arrington  
Doug Attiksson  
Jantina Baade  
Brenda Bachellor  
Audry Baker



Betsy Barber  
Connie Barnett  
Ruth Bauman  
Nancy Beadie  
Sherry Beck  
Kevin Becroft



Pam Belcher  
Linda Bell  
Milton Bender  
Mike Benson  
David Beutler  
Connie Black



Robert Blough  
Connie Bolinger  
Lisa Boseker  
William Bridges  
Ida Brooks  
Barbara Brown



Gail Brown  
Carlotta Brown  
Herman Brown  
Mike Bunsold  
John Bunting  
Robin Bunting



Cindy Burley  
Charlene Burns  
Pam Burns  
Barbara Byers  
Irene Byrd  
Janet Cady



Rick Capps  
Micki Castle  
Dave Chamberlain  
Ted Chase  
Victor Chatman  
Maxine Christman

Dave Chrzan  
Ronald Coe  
Roberta Cohen  
Mattie Cole  
Shawn Collier  
Steve Cook



John Crawford  
Princilla Crooms  
Gary Curry  
Mike Darby  
Barbara Darling  
Jim Darling

Dale DeRoche  
Scott DeWolfe  
Roxanne Dixie  
Kathy Dixon  
Paula Doty  
Brady Edwards



Norman Elkins  
Nedra Elston  
Martha Evans  
Karl Fadus  
Randy Fiedler  
Mike Finken

Kathy Fletcher  
Tim Fletcher  
Ethel Fowlkes  
Jay Fox  
Putter Frebel  
Susan Free





Paul Freeman  
Tom French  
Dayton Frey  
Rick Gaddis  
Kent Gaskill  
Mardi Gaskins

Randy Georgi  
Janet Gillie  
Clint Goble  
Greg Gordon  
Jon Gordy  
John Gouty



Anthony Green  
Randy Grepke  
John Gresham  
Velda Groover  
Louis Gropengieser  
Gary Grose

Susan Gulker  
Phil Gutman  
Bill Hamilton  
Barbara Harman  
Arthur Hartsough  
Penny Hartsough



Pat Harvey  
Cheryl Hatfield  
Debbie Hatton  
Jeff Heller  
Bob Herendeen  
Dan Hermes

Mark Herschberger  
Mitzi Hicks  
Tina Hinton  
Mike Hitchcock  
Barry Hodson  
Anthony Hofmann



Vicki Holman  
Joyce Hough  
Jamie Hoy  
Katherine Hulse  
Mike Hunt  
Melissa Hunter

Lance Huttell  
Sheila Jeffrey  
Kevin Jellison  
Charles Jenkins  
Claudia Johnson  
Mike Johnson



Bryan Jones  
Michelle Jordan  
Sheila Kehrt  
Donald Kelly  
Colleen Kelly  
Debbie Kinnie



Denny Kirkland  
Diana Knox  
Rhonda Koontz  
Cindi Kratzert  
Rebecca Krieg  
Melita Krieger



Dirk Kusak  
Larry Lacy  
Allen Lahrman  
David Lake  
Lisa Lambert  
Lisa Landess

Dan Landrigan  
Kathleen Langston  
Philip Langston  
Stan Leeper  
Mary Lefever  
Gay Lester



Genethia Lewis  
Rick Lewis  
Beth Linker  
Kent Litchin  
Malinda Loomis  
Diane Lupke



Pat Lytal  
Mike McCoy  
Lorena Mabe  
Gary Mann  
Katy Marciniak  
Kim Markey



Michele Martin  
Raphael Martin  
Steve Martin  
William Mazelin  
Jay Merz  
Louie Mespell

Linda Mettert  
Barry Miller  
Carol Miller  
Coleen Miller  
Kathy Mills  
Kerry Mills



Robert Morris  
Linda Morsch  
Tina Mudd  
Dave Mudrack  
Carol Mullen  
Gordon Murphy



Andy Norton  
Piney Norton  
Leslie Novitsky  
Mark Nuttle  
Greg Parrish  
Tammy Parrish



Juanita Pepe  
Lenora Perez  
Shirley Perrine  
Cardell Perry  
Jacques Perry  
Kathy Petgen

Barbara Petre  
Cindy Pettibone  
Sheryl Phelps  
Iris Prine  
Carol Quicke  
Larry Raber



Russell Ramsey  
Janet Rediger  
Debbie Redman  
Jim Reichard  
Martha Renner  
Karen Richard



Dave Richey  
Barbara Ridenour  
Loretta Robertson  
Wayne Rodebaugh  
Albert Roe  
Danny Rogers



Curtis Roth  
Katie Royse  
Mary Rush  
Greg Ryder  
Nathan Sanders  
Dave Saylor



Glenna Shepherd  
Greg Shepherd  
Geoffrey Sills  
Lonna Slatton  
David Smallback  
Susan Smith



Terry Smith  
Linda Sinyser  
Carol Sowles  
Norman Spice  
Kathy Spillers  
Janene Springer



Charles Springer  
Carrie Stackhouse  
Carole Stanley  
Jeff Starnes  
Jan Stefanski  
Rick Steinheuer





Greg Stephens  
Kevin Stephenson  
Mark Stewart  
Sarah Stewart  
Frank Stiles  
Linda Suter



Paul Sweazey  
Debbie Temple  
Dave Toam  
Christy Todoran  
Jan Tolliver  
Sandra Tompkins



Rose Marie Townsend  
Eric Tun  
Verna Turflinger  
Patty Tyson  
Titus Underwood  
Kathy Vachon



Lonnie VanDyne  
Selma Vaughn  
Robert Vranjes  
Raymond Walker  
Sharon Walker  
Michael Ward



Heldon Warner  
Jackie Washington  
Beth Wasson  
Anne Watters  
Robin Watters  
Rose Weber



Diane Whipp  
LeeAnn Whitacre  
Carol Whitson  
Clara Williams  
Johnny Williams  
Ronny Wilson



Tammy Wilson  
Ricky Wilson  
Jeff Wittibslager  
Bonnie Wolfe  
Candy Wood  
Sandy Wood

Jay Woods  
John Wright  
Kim Yarman  
Marilyn York  
Donald Yount  
Karen Bennett



Joe Parra  
Levon Williams  
Cynthia Woods



Michael Bishop  
Mike Horstmeyer  
Steven Manning  
Mark McCombs  
Yvette Morrill  
Kathy Parker



# Baby Rams Learn New Classroom Techniques



Kathy Allen  
Linda Alvarez  
Kelly Auer  
Larry Bade  
Roscoe Baker  
Richard Bates



Karen Baumgartner  
Tim Beck  
Amos Belcher  
Mike Berry  
Delbert Bickel  
Rex Bloemker



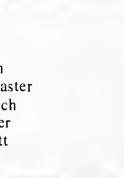
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Dennis Booker  
Warren Boseker  
Emma Bostic



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Bobby Boussum  
Anna Bowers  
Mike Brewer  
Ann Brown  
Dorothy Brown



Greg Brown  
Mark Brown  
Pam Buckmaster  
William Bunch  
Cathy Bunker  
Dana Burnett



Dawn Byers  
John Cady  
Billy Campbell  
Nancy Campbell  
Darrell Carter  
Dawn Cashman



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Rosemary Chavez  
Beth Clark  
Tim Clevenger  
Jerome Cobb  
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Tim Cour  
Melanie Cox  
Sheryl Crawford  
Mike Creason



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Don Culpepper  
Ron Culpepper  
Marvin Curry  
Bob Curts



Debbie Deaton  
Helen DeRose  
Pam Doherty  
James Dowdell  
Janet Dowling  
Mike Duguid



Steve Duray  
Mark Dwight  
Dawn Ebnit  
Mike Engle  
Ann English  
Delia Evans



Ray Fahlsing  
Margo Filley  
Moman Fink  
Carol Fishman  
Evelyn Fowlkes  
Tonya Frewer



Everett Frye  
Bruce Fuller  
Jesse Galvan  
Ken Geiselman  
Jack Gensis  
Shirley Gieser



Jim Patterson  
Kevin Patterson  
Cheryl Payne  
Tammy Peconge  
Doug Pelz  
Sharon Perrine



Doug Peters  
John Petrie  
Brenda Petre  
Rick Ramer  
Randy Ramsey  
Dennis Raney

Debbie Renner  
Angela Rhodus  
Stan Rice  
Denise Richard  
David Robinson  
Pete Rodey



John Rothgeb  
Mike Rush  
Brian Russell  
Michael Ryan  
Leisa Ryder  
Tammy Sadler

Pam Schrader  
Barbara Schroeder  
Debbie Scott  
Rick Shaw  
Jeff Shifflett  
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Doug Shroyer  
Howard Sims  
Steve Sims  
Bobby Slater  
Jennifer Smith  
Tracie Smyers

Jeff Sniegowski  
Tim Springer  
Bob Stanley  
Ernie Starks  
Penny Steinbauer  
Jim Stengel



Denise Stephens  
Julie Stephens  
Jacqueline Stewart  
Pam Stewart  
Ed Strack  
Danny Straud



Charles Strawbridge  
Vivian Stroub  
Yvonne Swangin  
Florence Sweazey  
Pam Swick  
Kevin Swihart

Debbie Szink  
Teresa Tatum  
Mary Temple  
Bambi Templeton  
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Sheryl VanZile  
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Steve Vaughn

Vance Veale  
Robert Wagnor  
Stella Walker  
John Louis Walls  
Sandra Ward  
Willie Washington



Billy Weaver  
Ron Weber  
Danny Weeks  
Alan Westerman  
Mike Whitlow  
Bob Wilkerson

Ralonda Williams  
Arthur Wilson  
Dawn Wilson  
Sandy Winebrenner  
Stephanie Wolever  
Tim Wolfe



Tom Wolfe  
Vickie Worman  
Patty Wright  
Rick Wright  
Robin Wright  
Marc Yeiter



Catherine Young  
Charles Brown  
Cathy Chase  
Martha Conrad  
Victor Frank  
Richard Gomez



Seventh grade cheerleaders do their thing at a basketball pep session.



Baby Rams leave the gymnasium after watching a Portarama sales convocation.



Rams rally to support varsity football team at the Jamboree.



Parents visit classrooms during the annual Back-to-School Night.

# And So the Future Begins:



As this 1971-72 school year comes to a close, all of us wonder what the next year will bring. We on the Portarama staff hope that with it will come peace and contentment for all Portage students.

In this yearbook we have captured some of the more pleasurable memories of the school year in an attempt to instill in our readers the satisfaction that comes when peace and contentment are attained.

Special thanks go to our copy editor, Linda Markey; layout editor, Mary Oswalt; chief photographer, Steve Morgan; sales manager, Rick Rifkin; photographers Bob Cross and John Seabold; Mike Arnold, Cindy Hough, and Marie Zacher.

With this yearbook we preserve the best of the past in order to make the best of the future.

Holley Miller  
Nancy Raney

Co-editors









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